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PERSONNEL MANAGEMENTRESOLUTION OF THE
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL20TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year 2006

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES, GOVERNMENT SERVICES, JUDICIARY,
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND FINANCE; ESTABLISHING AUGUST 14TH OF EACH
YEAR AS THE NAVAJO NATION NAVAJO CODE TALKERS DAY AND AS A
NAVAJO NATION HOLIDAY

BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1. Findings.

The Navajo Nation Council hereby finds:

- a. The Navajo Nation and the Navajo people, when called upon to assist the United States of America during World War II, sent brave men and boys to defend the Navajo people, the Navajo Nation and the United States of America.
- b. The Navajo Code Talkers developed an unbreakable code, the Navajo language, which was used to confuse the enemy and ultimately bring an end to World War II in the Pacific theater.
- c. In 1968, 23 years after the end of World War II, the United States Department of Defense finally declassified the secrecy of the Navajo Code.
- d. On July 28, 1982, United States President Ronald Reagan issued a Presidential proclamation to honor the Navajo Code Talkers by declaring August 14, 1982 as "National Navaho Code Talkers Day".

e. In 2000, Senator Jeff Bingaman introduced federal legislation entitled "Honoring the Navajo Code Talkers Act", Public Law No. 106-554. The Act was signed into law on December 22, 2000 by President George W. Bush. The Act authorized the President of the United States to award a Congressional Gold Medal, on behalf of the Congress, to each of the original twenty-nine Navajo Code Talkers, as well as a Congressional Silver Medal to each man who later qualified as a Navajo Code Talker.

f. On July 26, 2001, a Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony was held in the United States Capital Rotunda, Washington D.C., where United States President George W. Bush awarded Congressional Gold Medals to the original Navajo Code Talkers. These medals were awarded to express recognition by the United States of America and its citizens of the Navajo Code Talkers to salute these brave men, to acknowledge the great contribution they made at a time of war, and to finally give them their rightful place in history.

g. On November 24, 2001, the Navajo Nation held a Congressional Silver Medal Ceremony in the Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona) where Congressional Silver Medals were awarded to the Navajo Code Talkers who came after the original Navajo Code Talkers.

h. It is in the best interest of the Navajo people, the citizens of the United States, and United States of America that August 14th of each year be declared the Navajo Nation's "Navajo Code Talker Day".

Section 2. Declaration of August 14th as "Navajo Nation Code Talkers Day."

The Navajo Nation hereby declares August 14th of each year as "Navajo Nation Code Talkers Day" and as a Navajo Nation Holiday to be incorporated into the Navajo Nation Personnel Manual, which is dedicated to the Navajo Code Talkers who gave of their special talents and lives for the good of their Country and people.

Sction 3. Effective Date

The action enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §221.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 56 in favor and 0 opposed, this 22nd day of December, 2006.




Lawrence T. Morgan, Speaker
Navajo Nation Council

04 Jan 07
Date

Motion: Willie Tracey, Jr.
Second: Raymond Maxx

ACTION BY THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT:

1. I hereby sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (C) (10), on this _____ day of JAN 15 2007 2006.



Joe Shirley, Jr., President
Navajo Nation

2. I hereby veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (C) (11), this _____ day of _____ 2006 for the reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker.

Joe Shirley, Jr., President
Navajo Nation